

## SAFEGUARDING WORKERS.

Safety Devices Reduce Industrial Accidents in Pennsylvania.

Safety devices and safety first instruction in local factories have reduced fatal accidents in Pennsylvania 50 per cent in January of this year as compared with the same month last year. Factory inspectors have ordered the installation of 170,000 guards and 6,000 other safety appliances.

It is stated that the pressure of the compensation law has done marvelous things in safeguarding the workers. In 1911, before the compensation law was passed, only 418 safety appliances were installed. Last year there were nearly 80,000.

Manufacturers forced to conserve their workers' lives because of the workmen's compensation rates, have organized safety committees, installed appliances costing more than \$1,000,000 and, in reducing their compensation costs, have cut the death toll of industry in half.